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A.—(1) The hon. Member is referred to the list of establishments of the Judicial Department. The Government have no other information.

(2) Yes.

(3) None.

Abolition of the District Court of Guntūr.

547 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state whether it is under contemplation to abolish the District Court of Guntūr?

A.—No.

Levy of pilgrim tax during Kotappa Konda festival.

548 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any pilgrim tax was levied by the municipality of Narasaraopet during the last festival of Kotappa Konda in Guntūr district;

(*b*) the amount collected; and

(*c*) whether any extra arrangements were made for the comforts of the pilgrims?

A.—No pilgrim tax was levied by the municipality of Narasaraopet during the last Kotappa Konda festival in Guntūr district.

Agricultural farm at Lam in the Guntūr district.

549 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any agricultural farm has been opened at Lam in the Guntūr district;

(*b*) what the amount spent up to date on this account is; and

(*c*) whether the ryots have appreciated the opening of this farm at Lam?

A.—(*a*) The opening of a farm was sanctioned by Government in May last.

(*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The farm has only been opened very recently. It is too early for the ryots to appreciate the actual work of the farm. But the hon. Member is referred to the following extract from the address presented to His Excellency in July last by the Guntūr District Board:—

"We are thankful to Your Excellency for starting through your Minister for Agriculture an agricultural farm, a long-felt need, at Lam in this district and we expect the development of our tobacco and cotton crops will now proceed apace."

The Madras Medical College.

550 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to place on the table the information said to have been called for in the answer to my question No. 212 regarding the Madras Medical College asked at the meeting of the 14th September 1922, if received?

A.—The information desired is furnished below :—

Question No. 212—

(*a*) The Madras Medical College was started in 1835.

(*b*) (i) Number of students reading for the M.B.B.S. course, 334.
(ii) Number of students reading for L.M.S. course, 101.

(*c*) Two of the former and one of the latter are Muhammadans ; the rest are non-Muhammadans.

(*d*) There is no hostel attached to the College.

(*e*) A few of the students are accommodated in the Victoria Hostel, Triplicane. The majority, however, are accommodated in lodgings which have to be passed after inspection by the College authorities.

(*f*) The construction of a hostel formed part of the scheme connected with the transfer of the General Hospital and the Medical College to the Spur Tank site.

Owing to financial difficulties, it has not yet been found possible to carry out the scheme.

Admission into the medical colleges and schools.

551 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table the information said to have been called for in reply to my question No. 214 regarding the admission to the medical colleges and schools asked at the meeting of the 14th September 1922, if received ?

A.—The information desired is furnished below :—

		Number of Muhammadans admitted in 1922.	Number of non-Muhammadans admitted in 1922.
Medical College, Madras	..	2	89
Medical School, Vizagapatam	..	1	59
Do. Rayapuram	..	..	55
Do. Tanjore	..	1	91
Do. Calicut ..	..	..	48

The Vizagapatam school was filled entirely with Telugu students. Of the Telugu students who could not be accommodated there, some were sent to the Rayapuram school and a few to the Tanjore school.

The Panchayat courts.

552 *Q.*—Khan Sahib Munshi MUHAMMAD ABDUR RAHMAN SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the panchayat courts are invested with civil and magisterial powers ; and

(*b*) whether such panchayat courts as are invested with magisterial powers may be considered as courts of Bench Magistrates ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to the Village Courts Act.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.